



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis

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Sunday, January 17, 2010 • **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Welcome and Good Sabbath! We are so happy that you are here today with us!

Let us at this moment extend the right hand of fellowship. Please consider yourself a part of us.

As we come into church, let us come with an attitude of prayer and Thanksgiving.

Give God all the praise and the glory. For it was He who allowed us to come together to worship Him.

9:00 AM - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Entrance Hymn - "We Gather Together" or "Hymn of Faith"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Isaiah 62, 1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R/. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands.

Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

R/. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations.

Among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R/. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the Lord in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations; The Lord is King.

He governs the peoples with equity.

R/. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

READING II - 1 Corinthians 12, 4-11

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son; hear him. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration. At a certain point the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." Jesus replied, "Woman, how does this concern of yours involve me? My hour has not yet come." His mother instructed those waiting on table, "Do whatever he tells you." As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were at hand six stone water jars, each one holding fifteen to twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus ordered, at which they filled them to the brim. "Now," he said, "draw" some out and take it to the waiter in charge." They did as he instructed them. The waiter in charge tasted the water made wine, without knowing where it had come from; only the waiters knew, since they had drawn the water. Then the waiter in charge called the groom over and remarked to him: "People usually serve the choice wine first; then when the guests have been drinking awhile, a lesser vintage. What you have done is keep the choice wine until now." Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee. Thus did he reveal his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

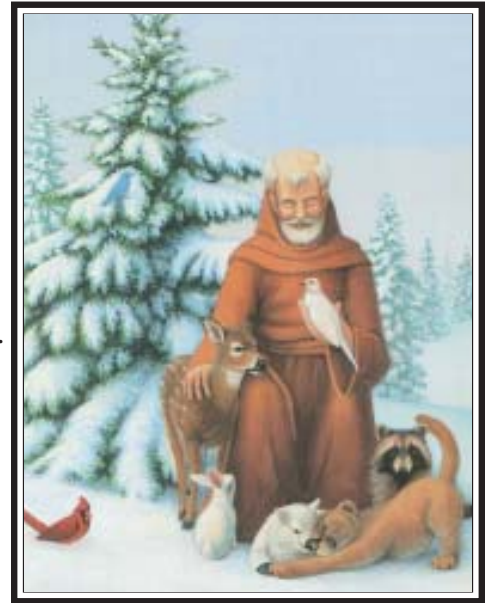
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS - RESPONSE - **GOD, HEAR US!**

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - "O Lord I Am Not Worthy" and "In Thy Protection"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Let There Be Peace On Earth"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

OH LORD, HELP THOSE WHO SEEK TO FIND A WAY...

Know that you have the power to reach out to those in spiritual need. The spiritual homeless. It is a "class" that spans all societies; from those who may live in the finest houses with every "advantage," to those who dwell in simple homes ... even the homeless. For whatever their origin or achievements, people who are without a knowledge of God may live their entire lives without a foundation in this world.

Our baptism calls us to more than living happily in our own faith, to more than celebrating the rituals and feast days of that gift of faith. Baptism calls us to a life of sharing the Gospel with people in our times, in our lives - just as the Apostles were missioned to bring the Gospel to their world.

There are many ways to reach out to the spiritually homeless.

*Begin with being aware of the reality. Pray about it. Try to discern in your own life how God is asking you to share your faith.

*Begin in the family circle. How many of us know a family member who has somehow over the years lost his or her way spiritually? Something as simple as an invitation to come with you to Mass...or attend a special program in the parish. That may be all that is needed. A sincere, loving invitation speaks volumes. It always says, at minimum, to those invited: "I am welcome. Someone cares enough to ask me. To include me."

*Listen-up, as the saying goes, when the pastor speaks of the spiritual needs of the parish. Be welcoming to your neighbors at Mass, especially if you don't know them. Smile, make room. Act out the joy of your gift of faith. More than a hundreds of words in a magazine or book about the Gospel, the sight of joyful, happy, welcoming people living their faith is in fact the only "gospel" some will ever "read."

*Look to your neighbors. Often there is a great unspoken need. Tending to the needs of a shut-in, or someone recuperating from a stroke or struggling with major illness. Being involved, possibly suggesting to your pastor, who would be happy to visit periodically. Joyfully bringing the Eucharist and the Word to those who are unable to attend church.

*Above all, keep praying. Pray for those seeking God. They may be blinded by one thing or another. It is the Holy Spirit who works in people's hearts - oft times in the process making use of the Lord's baptized, willing "instruments." You.

*And don't forget to enlist the efforts of shut-ins and the disabled who may not be able to leave home and serve in the parish. Remind them that prayer is the power-base for all evangelization or faith-sharing activities, today and all year-round!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen BE YOURSELF

Often we want to be somewhere other than where we are, or even to be someone other than who we are. We tend to compare ourselves constantly with others and wonder why we are not as rich, as intelligent, as simple, as generous, or as saintly as they are. Such comparisons make us feel guilty, ashamed, or jealous. It is very important to realize that our vocation is hidden in where we are and who we are. We are unique human beings, each with a call to realize in life what nobody else can, and to realize it in the concrete context of the here and now.

We will never find our vocations by trying to figure out whether we are better or worse than others. We are good enough to do what we are called to do. Be yourself!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice A PRAYER FOR HOPE

If you meet God in the morning and ask for guidance when you pray, You will never in your lifetime face another hopeless day.

"Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime." —Psalm 30:4-5

Today meet and greet the Lord with hope in your heart!

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, Monday, January 18 Commemorates the birthday (January 15) of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968, an U.S. clergyman and leader in the black civil rights movement.

BLESS OUR HOUSE, Fr. Andrew, opens this grand tradition to the parish and community. It is a short blessing at the entrance of your home and in addition expands your spiritual growth...Please contact Fr. Andrew, if you are interested?

COMMUNITY SERVICE, We are collecting the covers of 'Christmas cards' and other greeting cards, to be donated to the American Legion/ Senior Centers. They are used in craft projects at the Veterans Hospital and others are sent to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

FREEMONT HUMANE SOCIETY is in a continual need of towels, blankets, and pet foods and cleaning fluids. Any donations for these efforts are greatly appreciated. Please contact Tom or Lorraine with these donations. Thank you for your good efforts!